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SUBJECT: PAN AM LOW FARE FLIGHTS ASMTERDAM TO BOSTON AND  
POSSIBLE STRANDEES

REF: AMSTERDAM 676

1. IN LIGHT OF THE UGLY SITUATION DEVELOPING AT SCHIPHOL  
AIRPORT AMONG THOSE WAITING FOR SEATS ON PAN AM'S AMSTERDA  
TO BOSTON FLIGHT, WE ARE TRYING TO SEE WHETHER IT WOULD BE  
POSSIBLE FOR PAN AM TO BRING IN A BOEING 747 TO RELIEVE THE  
BACKLOG. WE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY IN CONVERSATIONS JULY 11  
WITH PAN AM'S DIRECTOR FOR THE NETHERLANDS, PETER LEGRO, AND  
THE CIVIL AVIATION SERVICE'S DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL, JURI-  
DICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, R.L. M. SCHREURS. WE ALSO  
MENTIONED OUR CONCERN TO AN OFFICIAL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S  
TRANSPORT ADVISER'S OFFICE.

2. LEGRO TOLD US THAT NO EXTRA PLANE IS AVAILABLE BEFORE  
THURSDAY, JULY 13. EVEN THEN, HE COULD NOT PROMISE ANYTHING  
SAYING THAT PAN AM'S FLEET IS HEAVILY COMMITTED. HE REFUSED  
TO CONSIDER CHARTERING AN AIRCRAFT FROM ANOTHER COMPANY  
BECAUSE OF THE COST.

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3. SCHREURS REITERATED THAT TRANSPORT STATE SECRETARY  
NEELIE SMIT LAST WEEK DENIED PERMISSION FOR PAN AM TO  
USE A 747 ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT VIOLATED THE CONDI-  
TIONS UNDER WHICH SHE INITIALLY APPROVED THE AMSTERDAM-  
BOSTON SERVICE. SHE WOULD AGREE TO THE USE OF A 707,  
BUT SCHREURS AGREED WITH US THAT A 707 WOULD NOT BE

ADEQUATE. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE MRS SMIT TO CHANGE HER MIND AND APPROVE A 747. WE ARE AWAITING NEWS OF HER DECISION. IF NECESSARY, THE CHARGE WILL CALL HER DIRECTLY.

4. COMMENT: THE SCENES AT SCHIPHOL ARE GIVING NOT ONLY PAN AM BUT ALSO THE US A BAD NAME. IT DOES DNOT SEEM TO US THAT PAN AM HAS SHOWN SUFFICIENT CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF ITS PASSENGERS OR FOR THE BURDEN BEING PLACED ON AIRPORT OFFICIALS AND STAFF. NOR DOES PAN AM SEEM AWARE OF THE NEGATIVE EFFECT THIS BADLY ORGANIZED OPERATION MAY HAVE ON THE ATTITUDES OF THE DUTCH OFFICIALS WHO WILL NEGOTIATE THE NEW CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. WE URGE THAT DEPARTMENT TRY TO PERSUADE PAN AM TO MAKE AVAILABLE A 747 IMMEDIATELY.  
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